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Secretary Abraham:

A decision on Yucca Mountain must be based on sound science. DOE has spent the better part of two decades and \$7 Billion studying Yucca Mountain. These studies have yielded the scientific information necessary for a decision to be made this year.

There are no technical or scientific issues that will prevent Yucca Mountain from serving as a permanent repository.

It is critical that DOE continue to request adequate funds from Congress to keep its program on track.

Public health and safety standards for Yucca Mountain must be based on sound science. Controversy over standards that lack scientific basis, as proposed under the previous administration, should not be permitted to stand in the way of a decision.

DOE must keep on schedule to ensure timely movement of used fuel from nuclear facilities around the country.

Formulation of effective energy policy is urgent and essential to our nations future. Sound energy policy cannot continue to ignore the issue of nuclear waste disposal as nuclear power generates 20% of our electricity without emitting greenhouse gases and other harmful airborne pollutants.

I urge you to make used nuclear fuel disposal one of your highest priorities.

Sincerely,

George Alan Zinke